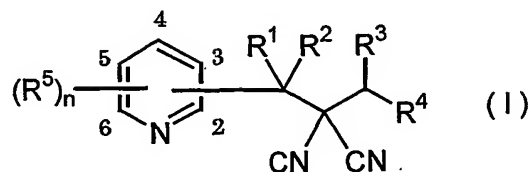


## CLAIMS

1. A malononitrile compound represented by the formula (I):



5 wherein, R<sup>1</sup> represents a C1 to C5 (halo)alkyl, a C2 to C5 (halo)alkenyl, a C2 to C5 (halo)alkynyl or a hydrogen atom; R<sup>2</sup> represents a C1 to C5 (halo)alkyl, a C1 to C5 (halo)alkyloxy, a C2 to C5 (halo)alkenyl, a C2 to C5 (halo)alkynyl, hydrogen atom or a cyano; R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are the  
 10 same or different and are a C1 to C6 (halo)alkyl, a C2 to C6 (halo)alkenyl, a C2 to C6 (halo)alkynyl, a C3 to C6 (halo)cycloalkyl, a C4 to C6 (halo)cycloalkenyl or a hydrogen atom, or R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> together may form a C2 to C6 (halo)alkylene or a C4 to C6 (halo)alkenylene; R<sup>5</sup>  
 15 represents a halogen atom, a cyano, a nitro, a C1 to C4 (halo)alkyl, a C2 to C4 (halo)alkenyl, a C2 to C4 (halo)alkynyl, a C1 to C4 (halo)alkyloxy, a C1 to C4 (halo)alkylthio, a C1 to C4 (halo)alkylsulfinyl, a C1 to C4 (halo)alkylsulfonyl, a C2 to C4 (halo)alkylcarbonyl, a C2  
 20 to C4 (halo)alkyloxycarbonyl, a C2 to C4 (halo)alkylcarbonyloxy, a phenyloxy or a phenylthio (the above-mentioned phenyloxy and phenylthio may be substituted with a halogen atom or a C1 to C3 alkyl); n is an integer

of 0 to 4 and when n is 2 or more,  $R^5$  may be the same or different.

2. A pesticide composition comprising the malononitrile compound according to claim 1 as active ingredient and an  
5 inert carrier.

3. A method for controlling pests comprising applying an effective dose of the malononitrile compound according to claim 1 to pests or habitat of pests.

4. Use of the malononitrile compound according to claim 1  
10 as a pesticide composition.